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IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF:)	
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)	EXAMINER: WONG, ERIC K.
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)	GROUP ART UNIT: 2883
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)	CONFIRMATION NO.: 5323
FOR: OPTICAL WAVE GUIDE ELEMENT,)	
AND MANUFACTURE THEREFOR)	

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This is submitted in timely response to the non-final Office Action mailed on May 19, 2005, wherein the Examiner:

1. Objected to Claims 7 and 16-20 because they recite limitations including methods but are dependent on apparatus claims.
2. Rejected Claims 1-2, 6, and 14-20 under Section 102(b) as anticipated by Lean et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,791,715.
3. Rejected Claims 5 and 11-13 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Lean et al. as applied to Claim 1 above, and further in view of Ulrich, U.S. Patent No. 3,905,676.
4. Rejected Claims 3-4 and 8-10 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Lean et al. as applied to Claim 1 above.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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